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Office Action Summary

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Examiner
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Sep 4, 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 14-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 14-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action, in response to the request for continued examination (RCE and the request for reconsideration filed 9/4/2002, is a non-final office action.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8 and 14-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 8, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Evenchik (US 4,171,467).

Regarding claims 1, 7, 8, 17 and 18, Evenchik discloses a method of transmitting a sequence of bipolar pluses over a telephone line (column 2, lines 1832 and lines 48-55). A first bipolar pulse is sent followed by a second bipolar pulse of

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opposite polarity as shown in figure 7. The data content of the pulse pairs is in the width of each segment of the pulse (figure 7 and column 6, lines 36-49).

Regarding claims 2 and 13, figure 7 further discloses two types of bipolar pulses, those with a negative pulse followed by a positive pulse and the reverse.

Regarding claims 3 and 9, Evenchik further discloses each bit pair has a net energy of zero when averaged over the full cycle (column 2, lines 62-63).

Regarding claims 4 and 14, Evenchik states "for the purpose of this description, however, all voltage waveforms will be considered as square wave signals" (column 6, lines 16-18).

Regarding claim 6, the bipolar pulses are pulse width modulated as stated above.

Regarding claims 10-12, in figure 7, the outgoing data shows different types of bipolar pulses adjacent to one another.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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6. Claims 5, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Evenchik (US 4,171,467) in view of Griessbach (US 6,091,779).

Regarding claims 5 and 15, Evenchik discloses a method of transmitting a sequence of bipolar pluses over a telephone line as stated above. Evenchik does not disclose coding the pulse by amplitude. Griessbach discloses coding the alternating signal which is in a biphasic mode, using pulse width and amplitude (column 1, lines 47-55). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to encode additional data by changing the amplitude as disclosed by Griessbach in the method of transmitting a sequence of bipolar pluses over a telephone line disclosed by Evenchik to allow more data to be transmitted during each transmission.

Regarding claim 16, the data content of the bipolar pulses is in the width of the pulses as shown in figure 7 (column 6, lines 36-45).

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.



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